

Israel rejects call for U.N. talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — Israel has rejected a joint Romanian-Egyptian call for a United Nations-sponsored conference with the participation of all parties involved, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), to seek a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Israel Radio said Saturday night. The radio, monitored in Amman, quoted senior Israeli officials as saying that Israel does not agree to attend such a conference, the proposal for which was contained in joint communiqué issued in Cairo Saturday at the conclusion of an official two-day visit to Egypt by the Romanian president. The U.S.-sponsored Camp David agreement signed in 1979 between Egypt and Israel serves as the best means for negotiations on Palestinian "autonomy," the radio quoted the Israeli officials as saying. The Cairo communiqué also called for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Israeli forces from Lebanon.

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Tunisia, Bahrain urge Arab unity

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia and Bahrain expressed "great anxiety over the deterioration of relations between certain Arab countries" in a joint communiqué issued here Sunday. The Tunisian news agency TAP said. At the end of a four-day visit to Tunisia by Bahraini Premier Sheikh Khalifa Ibo Salman Al Khalifa, the communiqué said the two countries said the Gulf area had to be shielded from international conflicts and that the area's security was the responsibility of the Gulf states alone. It did not say which Arab countries' relations were causing concern. Last week Tunisian Premier Mohammad Mzali suggested that Arab disunity over conflicts in the Gulf and Lebanon might force the postponement of an Arab summit scheduled for next month in Saudi Arabia.

Badran, Junblatt hold talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — Lebanese opposition Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt had talks Sunday with Prime Minister Mudar Badran on developments in Lebanon and the planned national reconciliation conference, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said. Mr. Junblatt, leader of the mainly Druze PSP, is a key figure in the reconciliation talks expected to be held in Geneva at the end of this month.

Alia Beirut flight cancelled

AMMAN (Petra) — A regular Alia flight to Beirut was cancelled Sunday because the airliner was ordered to turn back by the control tower at Beirut airport, according to a statement in Amman by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline. The statement said that passengers were later flown to the Lebanese capital by other airlines. Monday's Alia regular flight to Beirut will go ahead according to schedule, because the airport had not been officially closed, the statement said.

Shultz calls off C. American trip

WASHINGTON (R) — Secretary of State George Shultz has postponed his planned trip to Brazil and El Salvador this week because of the terrorist bombing of a U.S. Marine headquarters near Beirut, a State Department spokesman said Sunday. Mr. Shultz was scheduled to leave Monday for discussions with senior officials in both countries.

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TASS accuses Reagan of 'hypocrisy, slander'

MOSCOW (R) — The official news agency TASS attacked President Reagan Sunday for his criticism of the Soviet attitude to arms control in a radio address Saturday night. Mr. Reagan accused Moscow of trying to maintain a monopoly of intermediate-range nuclear missiles and said it reacted with an automatic "no" to all U.S. arms reduction proposals at current negotiations in Geneva. "President Reagan has again made an attempt at slandering the USSR's principled stand at the Geneva talks," TASS said in a commentary on the address. It said Mr. Reagan had "hypocritically claimed" the U.S. was showing goodwill at the talks and had unjustifiably accused the Kremlin of putting obstacles in the way of an agreement.

Soviet oil output shows increase

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet oil and gas output was up on 1982 levels during the first nine months of this year but coal production was stagnant, according to government figures published Sunday. A report on economic performance from January to September showed that 463 million tonnes of oil were produced, a two per cent increase over last year's figure, and 393 billion cubic metres of gas, a rise of seven per cent.

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135 Marines, unknown number of French killed in deadly Beirut attack

Suicide bombers blast U.S., French soldiers

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Suicide commandos driving explosive-packed trucks blasted two bases of sleeping U.S. and French troops at dawn Sunday, killing more than 140 men and reducing the buildings to smoking heaps of rubble.

In Washington, the Pentagon said at least 135 U.S. servicemen were killed in the attack on a U.S. base near Beirut airport, according to a statement in Amman by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline. The statement said that passengers were later flown to the Lebanese capital by other airlines.

Monday's Alia regular flight to Beirut will go ahead according to schedule, because the airport had not been officially closed, the statement said.

Peace talks in doubt

The blasts threw into doubt plans to hold a long-delayed national reconciliation conference, scheduled for Geneva on Oct. 31, to draft a new power-sharing formula aimed at ending nine years of violence in Lebanon.

Lebanese security sources said Sunday evening that 27 French troops died and 12 were wounded in an attack on a tall apartment block serving as a paratroop base in the southern suburbs of the city.

But a French spokesman declined to comment on the figures, saying he would not update an earlier toll of five dead, 15 wounded and 53 still unaccounted for.

It was by far the deadliest attack against the four-nation peace force in Beirut and the bloodiest blast in the city since August 1978 when about 175 people were killed in an explosion which destroyed an eight-storey block housing the military command of a Palestinian group.

The two blasts shook Beirut within seconds of each other around 6:30 (0430 GMT) Sunday morning, reducing the U.S. and French bases to smoking heaps of jagged debris.

The commander of the 1,600 U.S. Marines in Beirut, Colonel Tim Geraghty, immediately vowed they would press on with their peacekeeping role.

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Hernu in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — French Defence Minister Charles Hernu arrived here Sunday night following bomb attacks on French and U.S. peacekeeping forces here in which nine French soldiers died and 11 were wounded.

The radio said Mr. Hernu would fly by helicopter to French headquarters and then visit the site of the explosion, where rescue workers were still trying to free the victims with cranes, bulldozers, pneumatic drills and sledgeshammers.

Mr. Hernu vowed in a statement to reporters that the attack would not deter him from helping to achieve national reconciliation in Lebanon, met his senior advisers immediately after a hurried return from a weekend visit to Georgia.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Mr. Reagan discussed intelligence reports with Secretary of State George Shultz and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Asked if Iranian extremists were mentioned in the reports, Mr. Speakes replied: "That's right."

"There is a lot of circumstantial evidence that points in the direction of Iran," Mr. Weinberger said later in a CBS Television interview.

Mr. Weinberger said it was feared the death toll would rise, with more bodies being found under the French building.

He said he would make a full statement later after talking to President Francois Mitterrand.

Italy reaffirms commitment

Italy, with over 2,000 troops in Beirut, faced calls for an urgent review of their security Sunday after the attacks on the multinational force, but Prime Minister Bettino Craxi reaffirmed his country's commitment in Lebanon.

Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, a leading Reagan critic, called for an immediate review by the Senate Armed Services Committee of security provisions for Marines and of their future role in Lebanon.

"I confirm the commitment which Italy intends to maintain in Lebanon to develop a mission of peace," he said in a message of condolence to President Reagan.

Mr. Craxi sent a similar message to President Mitterrand, his office said.

U.S. suspects Iranian role in Beirut bombing

PLO denies involvement

DAMASCUS (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) denied involvement in Sunday's attacks on U.S. and French peacekeeping troops in Beirut Sunday and said it was watching the safety of its small contingent there.

"The PLO has nothing to do with the explosions. But what has happened is not a surprise because he who comes into the bear's den must expect to get bitten," the PLO's official spokesman, Abdalmohsen Abu Maizer, told British radio.

"We hope the Marines and the other multinational troops will leave at once and peacefully," he said.

Mahmoud Labbadi, spokesman for Syrian-backed hardline rebels in PLO leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah group, told Reuters: "The more dead Marines, the more American policy is unmasked — and the more American policy is unmasked, the better for the Palestinian cause."

The bombings were "an act of the Lebanese resistance... a good expression to show that such forces, mainly the Marines, are not welcome," he said.

There was no immediate official Syrian reaction to the attacks.

Kennedy demands Reagan clarify U.S. Marines' role

WASHINGTON (R) — Opposition congressional leaders voiced shock and outrage at the attack which killed at least 135 U.S. Marines in Beirut Sunday and demanded President Reagan clarify the role of U.S. forces in Lebanon.

Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, a leading Reagan critic, called for an immediate review by the Senate Armed Services Committee of security provisions for Marines and of their future role in Lebanon.

"The administration must answer whether it has a plan which, within a reasonable period, envisages a settlement in Lebanon or the withdrawal of our Marines. An endless commitment is unacceptable," Mr. Kennedy said.

He called the attack on the Marines, who are part of the four-

though 30 to 40 were on leave in Egypt.

Both blasts smashed windows in a radius of more than 500 metres and scattered documents and debris over a wide area.

A Marine uniform lay on the ground 40 metres away from the base, twisted around a piece of metal. Books from the Marines library lay in the dirt.

One Marine said he went down to the basement with a gas mask to try to keep a raging blaze away from ammunition stores and to rescue colleagues. He said he saw bodies broken in two by the force of the blast.

Marines come under fire

The French base was an apartment block in the southern suburb of Jnah which served as home for some 100 paratroopers of the 2,000-strong French contingent in the multinational force.

As rescue workers struggled to lift giant slabs of fallen concrete, snipers opened fire at Marine positions on the northeastern corner of the airport and some bullets struck the collapsed building, Maj. Jordan said.

Snipers also fired on U.S. positions at the Lebanese University Science Faculty east of the airport and the Marines fired back in both cases.

Marines threw themselves to the ground on the airport road as bullets flew overhead for about two and a half hours.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blasts, the latest in a series of attacks against the U.S. and French troops in the force, which also includes Italian and British units.

The villagers injured four of the Israeli soldiers with sticks and stones, eyewitnesses said.

All the detainees escaped in the confusion, but the Israelis later recaptured seven of them, local residents said.

The clashes began when demonstrators tried to free the owners of a house who had been arrested after an Israeli patrol uncovered a large arms cache in the building, according to the spokesman.

The villagers attacked the patrol with knives, iron building rods and rocks, he said.

The soldiers first fired warning



American Marines carry a deeply wounded colleague for treatment after a dawn explosion at their base in Beirut which killed more than 135 American

soldiers and an unknown number of French troops Sunday (A.P. wirephoto)

Three Lebanese civilians killed as Israelis, demonstrators clash

SARAFAND, Lebanon (Agencies) — Three Lebanese villagers were killed and more than 15 wounded Sunday when Israeli troops opened fire on demonstrators demanding the release of about 30 detainees in this southern town.

The eyewitnesses said villagers piled up stones and set fire to tyres at the entrances to Sarafand in an attempt to stop the Israelis bringing in reinforcements.

Israeli soldiers closed off a long stretch of the main coast road between the southern ports of Sidon and Tyre as fighting continued.

An Israeli military spokesman later confirmed the death of three Lebanese civilians.

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In the wake of the first confrontation, most of the village stayed a sit-in while others moved towards the coast road.

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According to the eyewitnesses, stones hit the Israeli commander and three of his men, who opened fire on the crowd with machine guns, wounding six.

Another six villagers were wounded when Israeli troops again opened fire to stop them leaving Sarafand, they said.

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MIDDLE EAST

Marine survivor tells of miraculous escape

BEIRUT (R) — An American sailor described from his hospital bed how he limped to safety after a bomb base in Beirut to rubble.

"I was sleeping when suddenly I saw fire and stuff coming down all around me. I screamed 'help me', but all I could see was a bunch of people hanging around."

"I don't know what time it was — I remember sitting in a corner and I saw like a hole with light coming through. So I tore my blanket and tied it round my leg and started walking to try to get out. It was just like a big nightmare," he said.

The 21-year-old sailor from Norfolk, Virginia, was one of the lucky ones among the estimated 160 to 170 U.S. servicemen sleeping in the building. He escaped with only light wounds in the leg.

"I don't know what caused it exactly, but it had to be pretty big — to flatten a whole building if you stories."

Marine carried into the hospital aboard a stretcher screamed "it hurts all over" as doctors felt his limbs to test for broken bones.

Doctors said the Marine, who could say only that his name was Morris, had suffered head wounds but was in no danger.

The casualties from the dawn blast at the Marines base, and a simultaneous one at a French base, were brought to Beirut hospitals as well as being taken by helicopter for treatment aboard the ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet base near the airport.

As he spoke, wounded Marines groaned in pain as local doctors treated them in the emergency room. A trail of blood led from the hospital entrance.

Asked how many casualties he saw, the sailor replied: "I helped three of them out with me — they are the only ones I saw."

"I don't know what caused it exactly, but it had to be pretty big — to flatten a whole building if you stories."

Until Sunday, the casualties in the French force were 17 dead, some in accidents, and about 40 injured.

'West should strike if Gulf is blocked'

TOKYO (R) — Former U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown said in an interview published Saturday that in his opinion the West should retaliate if Iran blocked the Strait of Hormuz.

Mr. Brown, now visiting Japan, told the mass-circulation daily Asahi Shimbun that Iraq's statement that it had mined the approaches to Iranian port of Bandar Khomenei was "potentially dangerous."

He said the United States and other Western nations should not tolerate an interruption in their oil imports and should take retaliatory measures if the Strait of Hormuz was blocked.

But he said a blockade would not be technically easy for Iran and the West was capable of removing mines if Iran mined the strait.

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JUNBLATT ENTERTAINS: Walid Jumblatt, leader of the Progressive Socialist Party in Lebanon, is seen here on the patio of his home in Moukhtara in the Shouf Mountains. He was entertaining Lebanese army officers in Luncheon. (A.P. wirephoto)

Omani, Chinese envoys hold initial round of talks

MUSCAT (R) — Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqin Sunday discussed bilateral cooperation with Omani Deputy Prime Minister for Security and Defence Fahar Bin Taimur Al-Said, officials said.

Mr. Wu also met Omani Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs Oais Abdul-

Mounim Al-Zawawi but no details were released on either session.

The Chinese minister, who arrived on Thursday for an official visit to the sultanate, has been discussing ways to improve economic and commercial ties between Peking and Muscat.

3 Turkish candidates hold televised debate

ANKARA (R) — Millions watched as leaders of Turkey's three political parties held their first television debate Saturday night prior to Nov. 6 general elections which will restore civilian government after three years of military rule.

Turgut Ozal of the Conservative Motherland Party, who masterminded Turkey's economic recovery after the 1980 military coup, dominated the two-hour debate, hammering home his anti-inflationary, free-market policies.

The main opposition to the 56-year-old former deputy prime minister came from ex-bureaucrat Necdet Calp who heads the mildly socialist Populist Party. Mr. Calp, 61, said he favoured a mixed economy but with the state playing a greater role.

Most commentators agreed Sunday that retired Gen. Turgut Sunay of the Conservative Nationalist Democracy Party was a disappointing debater as he was halting and often read from notes.

Gen. Sunay, 66 and widely believed to be favoured by the ruling generals, advocated a mixed economy with more emphasis on the private sector.

Writing in the newspaper Milliyet, columnist Mumtaz Soysal said: "In this oral exam, Ozal and

Calp pass. Sunay needs a re-take." The main streets of Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey's largest city, were almost deserted as the three men discussed mainly general policy intentions, with only brief references to foreign affairs.

One newspaper said that out of 11,186 people it surveyed by telephone, all but 44 were watching the three men, who were sitting close together, scrupulously polite to each other and carefully avoiding criticism of the coup or its aftermath.

The regime has warned against any return to the fierce rivalries and violence that marred politics before the coup.

President Kenan Evren has said that martial law would be maintained for some time after the poll because "the roots of some nests of treachery have not yet been scratched out."

The three party leaders pledged to clamp down on any re-emergence of political violence after the return to civilian government but with the state playing a greater role.

No mention was made of the president's other half-brother Barzan Ibrahim Tukriti as governor of Salahaddin Province north of Baghdad, the official Iraqi news agency INA reported Sunday.

New governor appointed for Iraqi leader's home province

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq's President Saddam Hussein has replaced his half-brother Watban Ibrahim Tukriti as governor of Salahaddin Province north of Baghdad, the official Iraqi news agency INA reported Sunday.

The agency named the new governor of Salahaddin, which includes Mr. Hussein's birth village of Ajwa, as Mohammad Ziam Abdul-Razzag, a leading official in the ruling Baath Party.

President Assaf Sharwan al-Din, 58, was identified as chief of Iraqi intelligence in a book he published earlier this year on assassination attempts against Mr. Hussein.

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Syria trains 10,000-strong youth army

By Dina Matar
Reuter

DAMASCUS — Jaidi Deeb, a 17-year-old girl paratrooper, picked a writhing snake from the ground and twisted its neck until the venom spurted out as Syria's President Hafez Al Assad and top military aides looked on:

"This is part of the training we undergo," said Deeb, a member of a 10,000-strong military auxiliary force made up of youths and girls between the ages of 16 and 20.

"We must get used to snakes and eat them if the enemy cuts off our food supplies," she told reporters at graduation ceremonies for a new 3,000-member youth unit.

President Assad praised the youngsters at the graduation, telling them: "You are the youth of Syria... you are its army."

The youth force was founded in 1940 and all members are volunteers from Syrian secondary

schools, officials said.

"Syria is keen to prepare its youth to carry out their assigned role, that is to achieve Syria's aims of unity, freedom and socialism," they said.

Besides the youth force, there is an obligatory course for schoolchildren that is more like a scouts' course than military training. But it does have an additional aim of preparing children for service in the youth army.

University students belong to a different militant body called the "national union," an affiliate of the ruling Baath Socialist Party.

Officials said the announced task of the teenage army was to quell an uprising last year by the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood movement in the central Syrian town of Hama.

Boys and girls in camouflage paratrooper uniforms and carrying machine-guns have become a familiar sight on Syrian streets, often causing long traffic hold-ups as they stroll in groups down the roadways.

The latest in a series of missile attacks on Iranian targets came as the two sides reported continued fighting in the Penjwin border area east of the major Iraqi oil town of Kirkuk.

ing it or the Arab Nation... the era of fear is gone.

"But we have to prepare ourselves because our enemy, Israel, is exploiting the world for its own interests and in pursuance of its expansionist plans."

The graduates attended a three-month course during which the boys and girls were trained in the use of heavy and light arms, tank warfare and parachuting.

Officials said that six girls had died since 1980 during the training when their parachutes had failed to open.

Damascus residents said the government had used youth units to quell an uprising last year by the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood movement in the central Syrian town of Hama.

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He told graduates: "Syria will stand against any aggression fac-

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TODAY'S EVENTS

* Paintings by Adnan Al Hilu at the Holiday Inn.

* Paintings by Gaetano Fabris at the Alia Art Gallery.

* Wood carvings and artificial flowers exhibit by Ibrahim Arar at the Israfil Mousa Hotel.

* "Two Brothers" modern art exhibition, at the Professional Associations Complex.

* Exhibition on the conservation of historical buildings, at the British Council.

* Paintings by Omar Sharwan at the French Cultural Centre.

* The Goethe Institute presents an exhibition by the German artist Brigitte Flade with 32 drawings about Amman and Jordan at the Regency Palace Hotel Monday 5:30 p.m. Oct. 30.

FILM

* "Quatorze Juillet" by René Clair, at the French Video Centre.

VIDEO

* French video programme for children starts at the French Cultural Centre at 5:00 p.m.

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Resolutions to tighten up community colleges

AMMAN (J.T.) — A two-day conference on community colleges ended here Sunday with recommendations designed to improve the standard and functioning of community colleges in Jordan.

The conference adopted a speech delivered on behalf of Crown Prince Hassan Saturday at the opening of the conference by Islamic Chief Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Al Qattan, as an official document and a basic plan for the conference.

The recommendations included a call for the establishment of an institution to look after the affairs of community colleges admin-

istratively, technically and for developing general examinations that can serve as a criterion to measure the skills and competence of college graduates in various specialisations.

The recommendations also called for the drawing up of a plan to train staff employed by the colleges such as teachers, technicians and administrators, and supported the idea of creating a board of trustees at each college.

The conference stressed the need for linking the college programmes with development plans in Jordan.

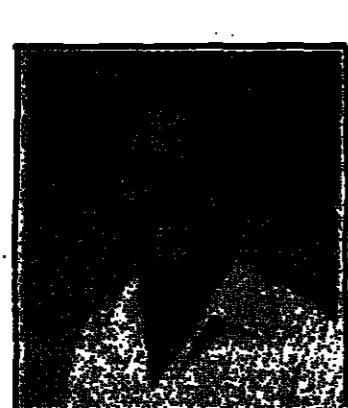
Talks focus on economic cooperation with Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — Four sub-committees, set up by the joint Jordanian-Iraqi ministerial committee Saturday, held meetings Sunday to discuss bilateral cooperation in trade, industry, agriculture, transport and communications, as well as oil and financial matters.

Yarmouk offers expertise

Yarmouk University places all its experience and expertise at the disposal of the Qaboos University which is still under construction in manifestation of brotherly ties between Oman and Jordan, the message said.

These offers were contained in a message sent to the director of the university in Muscat, Dr. Sadek Ismail, from Dr. Adnan Badran, president of Yarmouk University.



Omar Hamdan
been painted by an artist with a deep understanding and control of what he is doing and it indicates that Hamdan is an artist of increasing maturity confidence and ability.

ART REVIEW

There are touches of inspiration in some of his other pieces, both abstract and figurative. There are the rising yellows, oranges and reds in the gentle washes of "Inspiration du Desert"; and there are the creamy, thickly overpainted spots of colour dashing together in the midst of glowing white rectangles in "Du Sud de la Jordanie". There is also the tension, the edging together of planes in his "Nature Abstraite" series and there is the tiny red spot in "Bleu Nuit" without which the painting would lose its potency.

All these aspects, particularly that latter red spot, show Hamdan to be a talented artist so why, when the exhibition is taken as a whole, is it disappointing and vaguely unsatisfactory?

One valid comment was that while it is important to be always experimenting with new ideas, is it necessary to exhibit them all? Surely one of the aims of a good exhibition is to make some kind of a clear statement, so perhaps Hamdan could have been a little more selective in what he chose to show, particularly in the case of his portraits as all the different styles — the realistic, the heavily shadowed, the mysteriously half veiled, the stereotypical — leave one confused and a little bewildered as to what the artist is really trying to say.

Perhaps another reason for the slight feeling of unease about the exhibition is that many of Hamdan's paintings lack substance and there is a feeling of hasty, not quite thoughtful enough execution about them. And because we know Hamdan is more than capable, because he is good we are unwilling to accept less than the best from him.

The paintings are all for sale, prices ranging from JD 70 to JD 200. The exhibition runs until Tuesday October 25.

Over this single coat of transparent colour that allows no overpainting of mistakes, race impatient black lines that impart a spontaneous dynamism. But what this painting shows more than anything else is that it could have only

Conferees tour rural projects

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday accompanied delegations participating in the conference on women's role in food production on a field trip in and around the Princess Rahma Community Development Centre at Allan, west of here.

The tour started with a visit to a home in the area where the Queen and the delegations inspected a project of home-grown produce which is being undertaken by the centre in cooperation with UNICEF, the U.N. Children Fund, with the purpose of increasing the income of local families.

The next stop on the tour was at a dress making and needlework centre run by a local women's cooperative, and the party was briefed on the services the society offers to help the local community achieve self-sufficiency in different fields.

While in the area, the Queen and the delegations helped the local farmers collect the olive crop.

The party then called at the Princess Rahma Centre and were briefed by its director on cooperation between the local inhabitants and the government especially in improving the social and economic standard of the local community through the execution of a number of programmes and training courses with multipurpose objectives.

The party's next stop was at the Arab heritage exhibition which is organised by the Ministry of Social Development. The visiting group examined the different products on display which had been prepared by the local women taking part in the centre's training programmes.

While at the centre, the Queen met participants in a course on preparing and planning primary health care programmes, and was briefed on the course and the subjects it offers.

The Queen also met members of the Subeibi Women's Society and learnt about its activities and the training courses they have held in typing and dress making.

The Queen concluded the tour with a visit to the children's club at Allan and was introduced to the services offered to children to develop their physical and mental capabilities.

Queen Noor and her party later visited the Allan health centre and were briefed on the services offered to the public.

They also inspected the agricultural exhibition which was being organised by the local agriculture department.

Truck row to be settled by arbitration committee

AMMAN (J.T.) — The joint Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company said Sunday its dispute with a West German firm over the ownership of 400 trucks now idle at Aqaba would be settled through arbitration.

The company said earlier this month it would take over the trucks from Maschinenfabrik Augsburg-Nuernberg (MAN).

Because MAN had not fulfilled an agreement to transport goods to Iraq through Aqaba.

The director-general of Iraqi-Jordanian land, Eid Al Fayed, was quoted by Reuters as saying an arbitration committee of two members from each company under a neutral director would decide the ownership issue, but membership of the committee had not yet been decided.

"We are still exchanging names, but hope we will be able to decide on the members in about 10 days," Mr. Fayed was quoted as

saying.

He said earlier the trucks would automatically become Iraqi-Jordanian Land company property when the two-year agreement runs out today (Monday), and the company would not compensate MAN for the trucks unless ordered to do so by the arbitration committee.

The West German truck-making and transportation company earlier claimed it had lost 10.5 million dinars (about \$20 million) under the agreement.

Mr. Fayed said earlier MAN had failed to invest an agreed two million Jordanian dinars (\$5.5 million) in garages and checkpoints along the 1,225-

kilometre Aqaba to Baghdad route and had not transported the agreed volume of goods.

Mr. Fayed attributed MAN's losses to inexperience in the trucking business and problems with drivers and said its claims that it did not have enough Iraqi cargo to transport was unfounded.

The Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company was set up by the governments of Iraq and Jordan in 1950 to transport goods to Iraq, whose own ports were blocked shortly after the Iran-Iraq war started in September of that year.

Predicting a rise in demand which the trucking firms in the two countries could not meet, the company agreed that MAN and Austrian truck-makers Steyr would transport half of the four million tonnes of goods annually imported by Iraq via Aqaba.

The volume of goods transported has been lower than anticipated because of a drop in Iraq's oil revenue.

Anani outlines employment position

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordanian working women constituted nearly five per cent of the total workforce in Jordan in 1975, but this figure jumped to 20 per cent in 1983, according to Dr. Jawad Al Anani, the minister of labour.

He used this statistics during a lecture he delivered at the Philadelphia Lions Club in Amman Sunday in which he reviewed the main characteristics of employment and manpower in Jordan.

Jordan's community is mostly made up of youth with nearly 51 per cent of the population under 15 years, that is due to the high birth-rate of nearly 47 per thousand.

Dr. Anani said. This large number of youngsters of course places an additional burden on the workforce in the country who form just 20 per cent of the total population, Dr. Anani added.

Almost 57 per cent of the population lives in the greater Amman area, but this population distribution is disproportionate to the distribution of natural resources, a fact which restricts our

CORRECTION

In a Jordan Times item reporting the death of Mr. Daoud Elissa yesterday, we mentioned that he became owner and chief editor of "Al Aslance" newspaper after the death of its owner. In fact after the death of Mr. Issa Elissa the owner of "Al Aslance," in 1950, its owner and chief editor became Mr. Raja Elissa, until it ceased publication in 1967. The recently deceased Mr. Daoud Elissa was general manager of the paper throughout this period.

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It said that the two new offices are designed to help expand Alia's activities in North America now that the decision has been taken to increase the number of Alia's flights to North America as of March 1.

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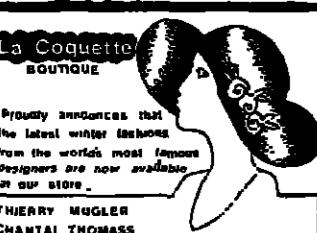
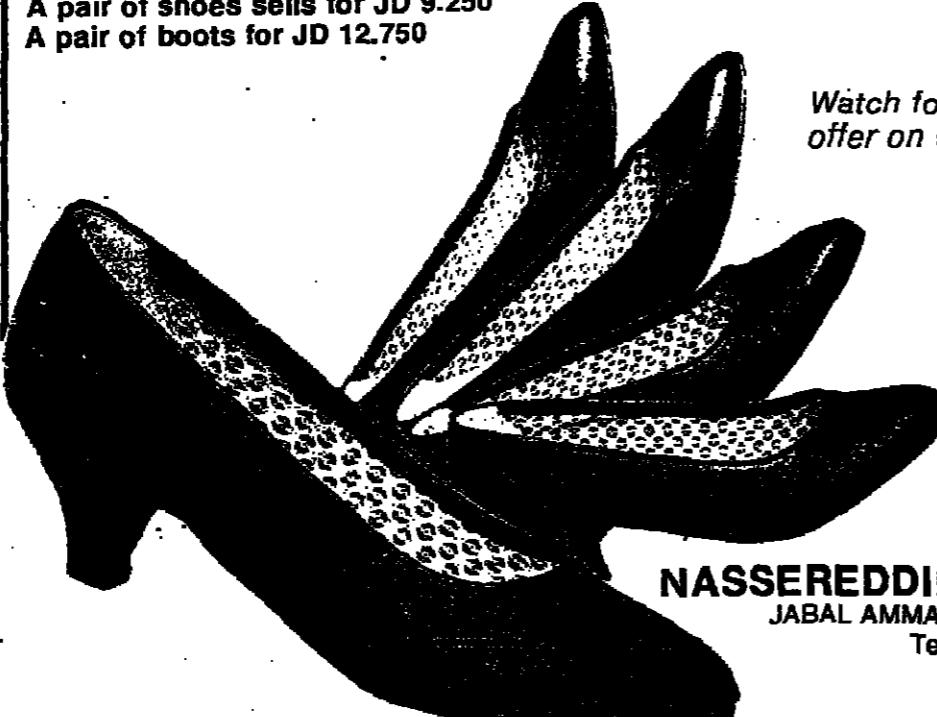
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Jordan's ailing firms and government responsibility

WITH THE world economic recession and the liquidity squeeze and instability in our region which usually affect economic conditions in Jordan, a good number of Jordanian firms are presently in the red. Their weakness appears in many forms, particularly in underutilisation of productive capacity, declining sales, overstocking of final products, liquidity shortage, lay-off of workers, incurring losses in their operations, declining prices of their shares and periodic disputes among owners or their management.

In addition to the world economic recession and its impact on our region, many factors have contributed to this situation.

First, the government licensing practices have been very lenient to the applicants' de-

sires. It is true that a feasibility study is required with the application to establish a factory, but the marketing and pricing aspects of these studies are left totally to the applicant's wish. The letter usually submits estimates which show his firm to yield reasonable returns after a few years of investment. He avoids assuming any possibility of loss or, on the other hand, making excessive profits. Accordingly, his application is processed with little apprehension over possible negative results, or fear of being leaked to other investors.

Project licensing, whether in industry, trade, contracting, tourism, transportation, or education should rely on market information which the governmental department concerned should always update and analyse. Reliable in-

formation on similar operation firms and their capacity, local demand, export possibilities, and a projection of these variables should be used as yardsticks by the decision-maker before he approves a new project. Otherwise, we shall continue to witness a very costly repetition of some projects that were successful at one time but are now ailing due to widespread competition in a small market.

A proper licensing policy should aim at conserving national savings and avoiding dead investments or idle capital and equipment. Some projects are established on the basis of unrealistic assumptions about market expansion rates in the future. Their feasibility studies, in other words, aim at making them look feasible.

Investors of this type should be advised on a basis of objective diagnosis and not subjective impressions.

Second, the establishment rate of new firms in the last five years was faster than our ability to provide qualified managers. Good managers have to study management in addition to having a talent of getting things done efficiently through others. Indeed, most of our companies' problems, after their establishment, are those of inexperienced management.

Top-level seminars should be arranged where managers meet and discuss problem-solving techniques as related to production, procurement, sales, financing and labour relations.

The main bottleneck in management skill is marketing. Given that our local market is relatively small in size and

share-holders dominate the fate of these companies and in many cases steer them towards their own dealings and personal interests.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade should establish a new department to receive complaints of share-holders and inspect ailing companies. It is a national responsibility to maintain public confidence in the concept of shareholding companies. It should not be left totally to major investors.

During the economic slowdown, ailing companies will pose an economic and somewhat a social problem. Government action is needed to ensure proper management of these companies, the protection of small shareholders' interests and the viability of new projects prior to their establishment.

The vicious circle expands

THE TERRIBLE loss of life among the American and French contingents of the Multi-National Force in Beirut on Sunday is shocking and deplorable. If such acts of violence and merciless killing, which have been the hallmark of a Middle East torn by strife and bloodshed for many years now, are allowed to continue for much longer, we must brace ourselves for the worst, for the worst is coming.

On a sad occasion like this, individuals, peoples and governments sit to think about it all and mull over things. Just when plans for a Lebanese national reconciliation near completion, this blast comes to throw doubt over every sincere effort towards the restoration of Lebanon. Is there a conspiracy to set the clock back on what has been accomplished already? Or is it just another revenge-taking act, designed to prevent peace from returning to this region, after a long and hard absence?

Over the past year, troops of the international peacekeeping force have been made to pay with their lives for the quagmire of Lebanon's deadly politics. Many Lebanese, Syrians and Palestinians have also perished either fighting for survival or jockeying for positions. Almost everybody, however, has had to suffer from the wrath Israel brought unto Lebanon and the Arab World, right from the day the Zionist state sent its invasion army across the Lebanese border.

It would have been totally unnecessary for the French, the Americans or, for that matter, any nation to send their best boys to be killed in Lebanon today, if the international community could in the first place restrain the Israelis from pushing to Beirut last summer. And something else could have been done to avert the latest cycle of violence, in the Shouf mountains and around Beirut, if Israel did not have so much of a free hand to make its partial withdrawal to the Awali River last month.

Time and again, the Arabs warned against Israel's dangerous policies in the region, its adventures and forays in neighbouring states, and against the consequences of such irresponsible practices, that the world almost turned a deaf ear to our warnings and pleas. Still, Israel did not seem to care; and, tomorrow, it will have all been only the Arabs' fault that so many are being killed, in the eyes of the Israeli military regime and its Zionist lobby.

This is not the time to lay the blame on anybody for the failure to cut Israel down to size during all these past years. But, for all we know, Israel takes a large and direct responsibility for those who masterminded and carried out the outrageous massacre of American and French troops in Beirut on Sunday.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Israel lays trap

ISRAEL HAS announced measures designed to prolong the stay of its forces in Lebanon. The Israelis aimed to destroy any hope for peace and increase the suffering of the Lebanese people. Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon is a basic prerequisite for the establishment of peace in Lebanon and the new arrangements by Israeli authorities are meant to stop such a withdrawal, and place new obstacles in all paths that might lead to peace.

Clearly Israel has translated into practise its real intentions and this ought to prompt the Lebanese to take speedy action to bring about the national reconciliation conference and so thwart all Israeli designs on their country. Israel hopes that its new arrangements in the south will act as a time bomb to blow up the long-awaited conference and so scatter the leaders of the various factions and groups away from the negotiating table. It is a trap set to destroy Lebanon, but the Lebanese should act now to abort Israeli ambitions.

Al Dustour: Iran should face facts

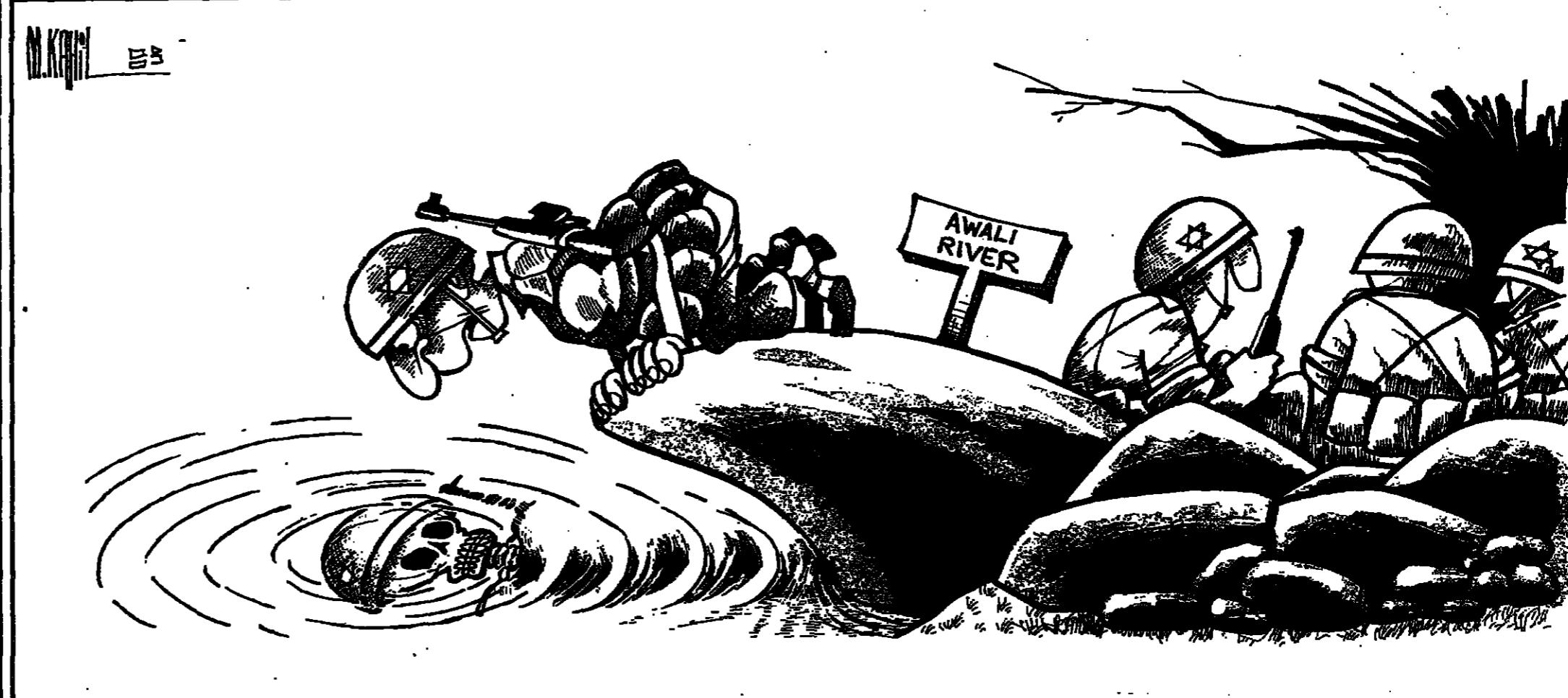
THE IGNOMINIOUS defeat of the Iranian forces at the hand of the Iraqi forces is sufficient to give the Iranian regime an unforgettable lesson. The Iranians should realise that their attempts to attack Iraqi territory will always end in total failure. Iraq has been extending a peaceful hand to the Iranians, but the Tehran regime seems to be determined to pursue a losing war in the Gulf. Therefore, the Iraqis have the right to take whatever measures it deems necessary to destroy Iran's economy and only then the Iranian regime might recover its sense and respond favourably to peace bids.

Iraq's mining of the Iranian ports comes as a first step in its drive to paralyse the Iranian economy. No doubt the Iraqi military supremacy would enable it to carry out its retaliatory measures against Iran with considerable success. The world now watches the developments in the Gulf and can only put most of the blame on the Iranians who so far have lent only a deaf ear to all bids for peace.

Sawt Al Shaab: A pitiable situation

THERE IS absolutely no reason for the continuation of the Gulf war. The most recent Iranian offensive against the Iraqi Peninsular area which has been aborted by the Iraqis, demonstrates the underestimation of the Iranian regime of the formidable power of the Iraqis and their retaliatory measures. Despite the successive defeats for Iran, its regime seems to be intent on pursuing a losing battle. For the second time in one month, the Iraqis have proved that they are well equipped, well prepared and powerful enough to destroy any Iranian offensive any time.

It is really a pitiable situation to see the Iranian regime pursuing the fighting and losing thousands killed and injured, not to mention the devastating consequences for its economy, without any hope of achieving any success against the Iraqis.



Shamir's heavy inheritance

ISRAEL'S NEW prime minister is not someone who easily arouses human sympathy. Politically, he claims to be Begin's Mark II but lacks his predecessor's charm, charisma and good looks. Shamir's nickname ET seems unfair to that enchanting visitor from outer space. Yet it would be hard to think of a more demanding office in 1983 than the premiership of Israel — unless it was hard to think of a more demanding office in 1983 than the premiership of Lebanon.

Two problems which confront Shamir over shadow the rest — Lebanon and the economy. Every day that passes emphasises the lack of real achievement of the Israeli invasion. The current indecision over whether to attempt to seal off the territory south of the Awali River illustrates the dilemma. If the attempt is not made, infiltration by guerrillas will continue and increase. If it is, the largely Shi'ite population of the region is bound to turn against the occupiers. Relying on Major Saad Haddad's forces to police the area and enable Israeli forces to withdraw beyond the frontier is now recognised as futile. Any attempt to form a rival pro-Israeli Shi'ite militia is most unlikely to succeed.

It is possible that Ariel Sharon will win his demand to be repaid for his previous support for Shamir in gaining control of Herut, and that he will eventually be granted a key post in the cabinet. A more aggressive policy in South Lebanon cannot be ruled out — including the establishment of permanent Jewish settlements. But this is where the current crisis in the economy is relevant, for any new strategy advocated by Sharon would be vastly expensive.

Predictions of economic catastrophe in Israel have been made so often that they tend to be discounted. The wholly understandable Arab view is that the U.S. will always bail Israel out. Yet it is significant that senior U.S. representatives such as Philip Habib were saying in early summer that they expected Israel to face an extreme economic crisis within a year and that this was certain to have a major effect on its policies. Now the policy of encouraging consumption, which enabled Begin to win the 1981 elections, has brought nemesis, and the stock exchange which the Israeli middle class used as a hedge against rampant inflation has collapsed. At the same time Israel is

faced with the real prospect of international bankruptcy, whatever the willingness of Congress to convert loans into gifts. Shamir is confronted with the choice of seriously challenging the military with defence cuts or slashing virtually everything else.

It might be hoped that the cuts will fall mainly on funds for new settlements in the occupied territories, but Shamir has already forecast early elections are right, there can be little comfort in the possibility of a Labour victory. This was borne out by a peculiarly depressing article by Shimon Peres published in the British Labour Weekly (Sept. 30) headed "Israel's Peace Without The PLO". Apart from his gross historical inaccuracies, he ignores the moderation of Arafat's policies. His solution is basically "Palestine in Jordan", with Jordanian citizenship for Gazans and parts of the West Bank relinquished. There is no hint of recognition of Palestinian national rights.

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ies but they could limit his period in power. Some Israeli analysts, although by no means all, believe new elections are inevitable within a few months. The smaller parties in the coalition, having secured the best terms available, have a vested interest in avoiding elections in which they might well disappear. But even if those who forecast early elections are right, there can be little comfort in the possibility of a Labour victory.

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Row over U.S. Navy appropriations

By Christopher Hanson

Reuter
WASHINGTON — Mounting pressure to cut the United States arms budget has set off an intense struggle between the Navy Secretary, John Lehman, and Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Thayer, a gruff ex-industrialist.

At stake is the future not only of the Navy, which Mr. Lehman says must be expanded to 600 ships and 15 aircraft carrier battle groups, but also of the 41-year-old Navy secretary, who according to some press reports has presidential ambitions, and the 64-year-old Thayer, the number two Pentagon official.

The dispute had been growing throughout the summer as early decisions were taken on the 1985 arms budget. According to Pentagon officials, Mr. Thayer concluded that the fleet of Mr. Lehman's dreams could be highly vulnerable in an age of deadly precision-guided exocet missiles, as the Falklands war showed.

Mr. Lehman, who has close ties with the White House, made the dispute public on Oct. 10 by telling the Washington Post:

"I am getting sick and tired of spending 98 per cent of my time

up on (Capitol) Hill undoing the damage that senior defence officials are doing to the president's budget."

Without naming Mr. Thayer, he added: "What I am trying to do is ... counter the guerrilla warfare by these defence officials."

Mr. Thayer in turn protested to Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who rebuked Mr. Lehman.

The dispute was only the latest in a series of personality and policy clashes in Mr. Reagan's government.

Before resigning as secretary of state last year, Alexander Haig also accused unnamed rivals of using "guerrilla tactics" against him, and the White House has been ridden with similar infighting, according to press reports.

There was widespread speculation after Mr. Lehman made the dispute public that Mr. Thayer, a former LTV Corporation chairman, would have to take steps to "regain his credibility."

Officials said one reason Mr.

Thayer had resisted Mr. Lehman's Navy plans and proposed that \$18 billion be cut from ship building and naval aviation over the next five years was that he thought more budget funds would be needed for expanded ground operations in Central America or elsewhere.

In another development, the New York Times, quoting anonymous administration officials, reported recently that Mr. Thayer was under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which was trying to determine whether he had passed along inside information to others before he left LTV, a U.S. steel, energy and aerospace firm, to take the Pentagon post in 1982.

Although the investigation had been going on for some time, the officials chose to reveal it at a strategic time in the Pentagon budget struggle.

Mr. Thayer responded by issuing a statement saying he had given testimony in a SEC investigation.

LETTERS

Who will keep Jordan clean?

To the Editor:

I quite agree with Karen Asfour (Letters, Jordan Times, Oct. 20-21, 1983) about doing something to keep our country clean. But cleanliness cannot be achieved by a campaign limited in duration, or by the odd lecture at school, if the teacher then throws the empty cigarette pack out of the window.

Mrs. Asfour suggested stiff "litter fines" and sensible punishment for such offenses. But who is to catch, fine, and punish such offenders?

Well, let me tell you what I saw that very same day. A building, under construction, in a very posh area of Amman, had garbage all around it. What a filthy contractor. I thought to myself. Immediately next to this building, a police station — very clean, the policemen lined up in two rows awaiting the regular inspection tour of a high-ranking Public Security officer.

My trance was shattered by the sight of an orderly coming out of the police station carrying two bins. He walked all the way to the building under construction and dumped the contents there. He walked back into the station only to come out with two fresh bins!

If we are to have a clean country ever, we must implant cleanliness into our children in the hope that they will be more conscientious than the children of the previous generation who were (or were not) fortunate enough to have been brought up in the pre-plastic bag era. Let us start with our children, our homes and offices. Let us hope this will be contagious, and let us continue from there.

In the meantime, blessed are the short-sighted.

Hisham Mufti,
Amman.

Save drivers' lives

To the Editor:

Last week I happened to be upon the scene of an accident some twelve kilometres south of Ajliza, in which a loaded lorry crashed head-on into an oil-tanker. Both drivers died, although I had a conversation with the Syrian driver, who was crushed at the hips, pinned behind the steering wheel. His last words to me were a plea, "for God's sake, I am begging for a new clause in the traffic law, namely that all drivers put on their full lights at sunset — i.e., when the red ball of the sun first touches the horizon. As perhaps the only American-born driver of a semi-trailer here (I stay only because my wife is Jordanian), I can assure you that in America and Europe, safety regulations are different. And I attest to the fact that nearly HALF the drivers here wait until "moonrise" to switch on their lights. That is like playing "Russian Roulette", for some driver will pass only to crash head-on into an unseen vehicle, one he DIDN'T SEE in the deep purple of last twilight.

Lack of awareness on this truly APPALS any sensible driver. Furthermore, I suggest that the authorities here wake up and place more roving police cars on the Amman-Aqaba roadway, in order to fine those who drive without lights. Another measure would be to make emergency flasher lights MANDATORY for all vehicles, with the stipulation that flashers be used when travelling less than 30 kilometres per hour or one kilometre, before and after any accident or road hazard. Don't people here simply just care?

Why? We Americans even turn on the lights on cloudy/rainy days, when the sun is obscured. Most accidents happen at dawn, and dusk, merely because people cannot see.

Peter D. Buehler,
Amman.

CIA writes secret history that will never see the light

By Ian Black

WASHINGTON — Somewhere inside the sprawling headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Virginia, a small group of professional scholars is producing volume after volume of secret history books that will never be found on the shelves of America's public libraries.

The CIA's historical office — little known even inside the agency — is a unique organisation with unique problems.

"There are," said one person familiar with its work, "a lot of people out there who simply don't want things written down."

Under Director William J. Casey, an avid reader and amateur historian, the office has been reborn, after internal arguments and a depletion in resources killed it off three years ago.

"Casey is very favourable toward history," one former CIA official said.

"He seems to think that the work of the historical staff is important and has given some attention to it," according to another source.

"At the moment," said a government historian in another agency, "the office is undergoing a mild revival. How far it will get I couldn't predict. It just depends on who is and who isn't interested in having histories written. It's certainly not the sort of job I'd want to have. The difficulties are just too great."

The scholar who occupies the CIA's chair of secret history apparently had his doubts as well. Before taking up the post in August 1981, according to a former colleague, Professor Kenneth McDonald kept open his 20-year

tenure at George Washington University for a further 12 months until he felt secure in the new job.

The CIA is proud of him to judge by the relatively large amount of information the agency divulges about a career that includes four years in the Marines, a B.A. from Yale, a doctorate from Oxford and a professorship of strategy at the Naval War College.

But the agency will not reveal about the type or quantity of work now done by McDonald and three assistants.

"They write histories, internal CIA histories based on classified information," said spokesman Dale Petersen. "These remain classified."

Former CIA officials and scholars say the office concentrates more on the structure and organisation of the agency than on the history of individual operations.

Explaining why, for example, one section was merged with another at a certain time.

"Post-mortems" on operations, these sources say, may be found in the records of other CIA offices. One retired counterintelligence official returned to Langley on a contract to write a "narrative history that tied various incidents together."

The output of McDonald's office, according to people familiar with it, is "considerable" but uneven in quality. One official described it as varying "from quite good to extremely bad or even hopeless."

One reason for this, says one person who has seen the secret volumes, is that they are often written by officials approaching retirement or between assignments and who have only a peripheral knowledge of the subject and no

historical skills.

The only publicly available information about the history programme is buried in a footnote in a volume summarising almost three decades of the CIA's existence prepared for the 1975 Church Commission study on U.S. intelligence activities.

Its author, committee staffer Anne Karalekas, included among her sources "approximately 75 volumes from the series of internal CIA histories, a rich of uneven collection of studies which deal with individual agency components, the administrations of the directors of central intelligence and specialised areas of intelligence analysis."

She described the material as constituting "unique institutional memory."

Karalekas, according to a former official, "got to look at a lot of things that people normally wouldn't see."

The historical staff was established under the directorship of Gen. Walter Bedell Smith in 1951, shortly after the CIA evolved from the World War II Office of Strategic Services.

"It has had a checkered history," says one scholar, "flourishing and receding depending on the circumstances."

In the mid-70s, Reagan administration sources say, the CIA office worked well, coordinating regularly with the historical offices of other agencies, especially the State and Defence Departments, and helping them declassify CIA-originated material.

Under Jack Feiffer, McDonald's predecessor, said a State Department historian, "there was a brief flowering of the exchange of information." And that, according to another source, "contributed to Feiffer's rapid demise."

In return, the agency says, it will agree to review some material for declassification, a task which may fall to a revamped historical office with an increase in budgetary resources to match. — Washington Post.

JOHN HABIB

Randa Habib's corner

Caution: 'Super deluxe'

In Amman all the apartments for sale or for rent are ideal. At least this is what we are led to believe when we see the advertisements in the papers.

Under the heading of "deluxe" (and most recently, a new adjective) "super deluxe" apartments for rent, the owners of those "dream houses" boast about their property.

Yes, it makes you really dream. You know what a "deluxe" apartment is; but a "super deluxe" — well, it is worth visiting. You may wonder what is really meant by "super deluxe". Personally I could not work it out.

"Super deluxe" does not mean anything at all.

While the standard of a presumably deluxe apartment is yet to be seen, the super deluxe is not much different.

But let me not discourage you. Please go and see for yourself the surprise that awaits you. I am not saying that all the apartments are not beautiful. Some of them are beautifully finished and deserve to be called deluxe.

As for their prices, that is a different story. The amounts of JD 6000-6500 and JD 8000 for an apartment (not a villa) do not surprise anyone. What will deceive you though, after reading the description, is seeing the apartment as it is.

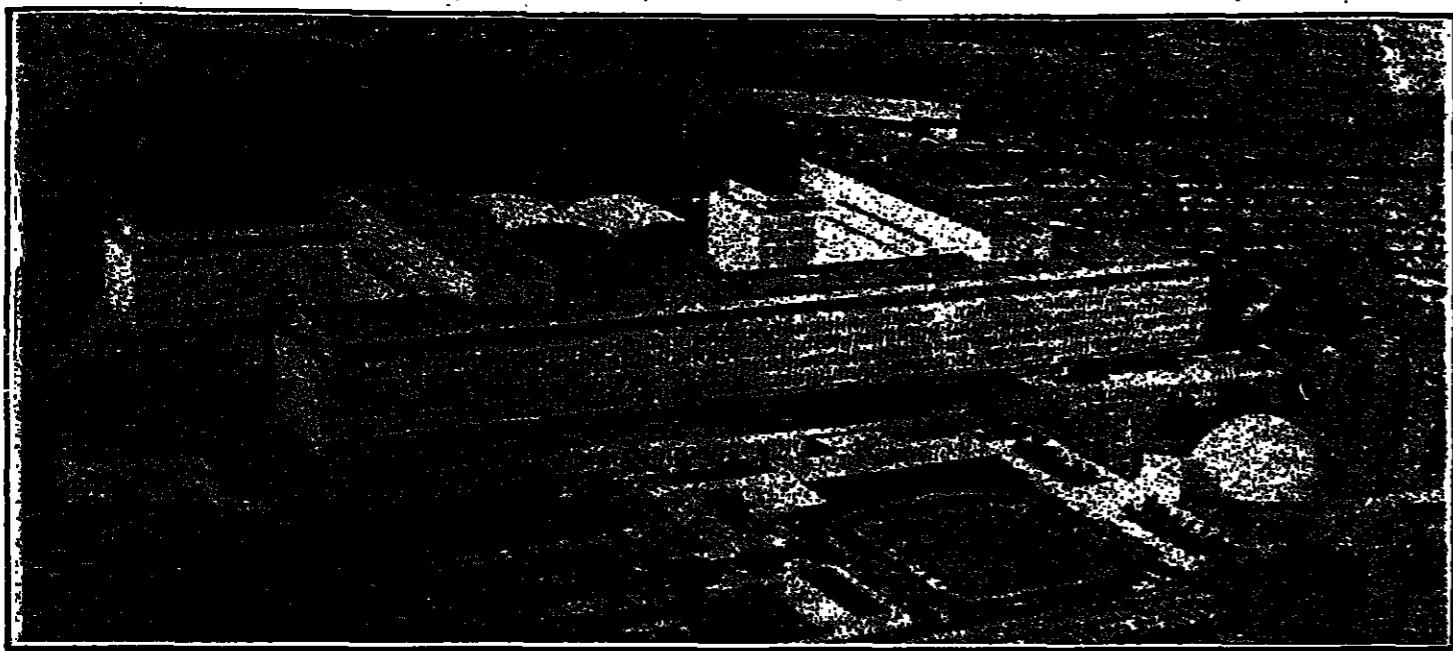
After reading the advertisement of a super deluxe apartment for rent, a deluxe apartment in the most beautiful street of Jabal Amman, near ... with a beautiful garden, entrance, big salons, dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathrooms, modern kitchen ... it was very tempting, but in fact this is what I saw.

The apartment was on the ground floor of a two storey building. The large and beautiful garden was in fact two tiny neglected alleys on both sides of the building.

However, the surprise was the "modern kitchen" which initially had blue cupboards to which were added two extra units, one white and the other brown (no joke). The apartment seems to be 20 years old, with iron windows and doors that do not close properly.

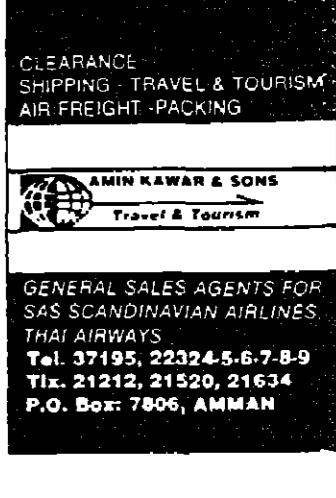
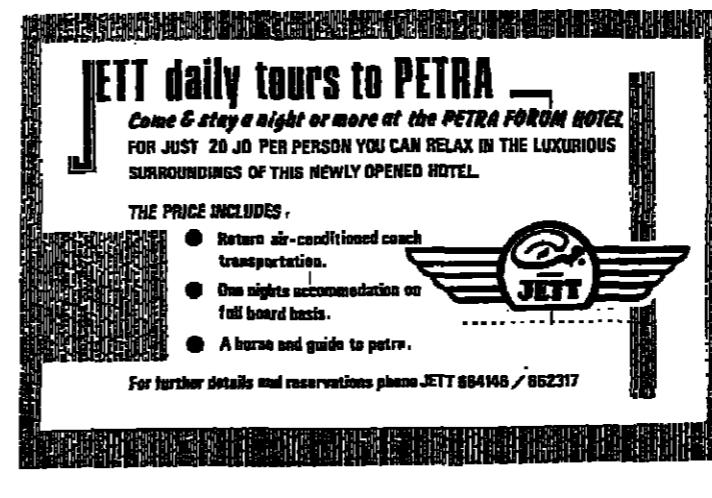
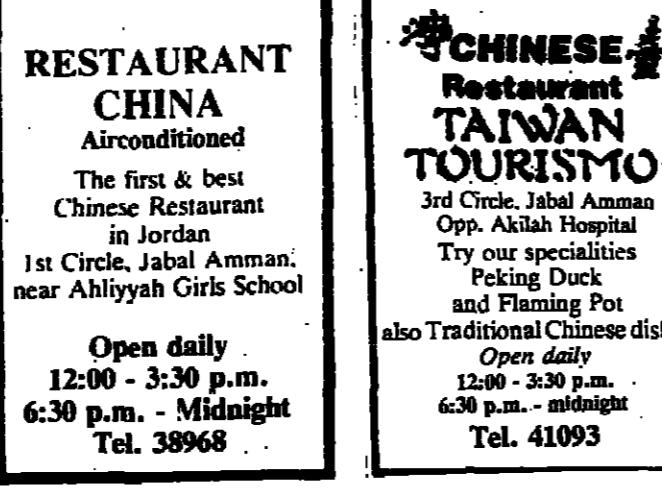
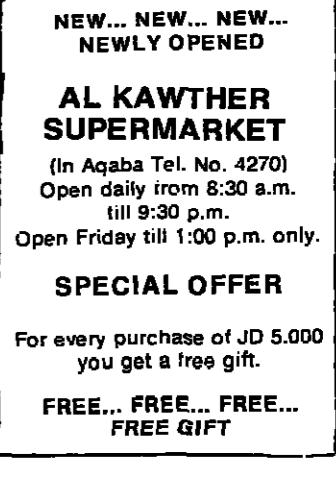
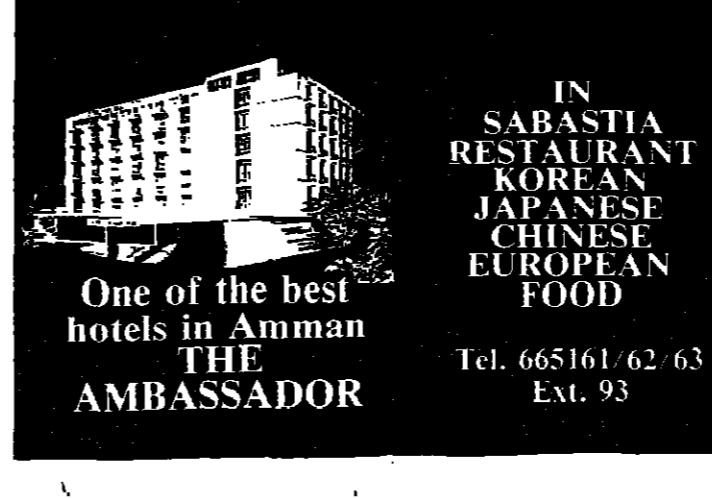
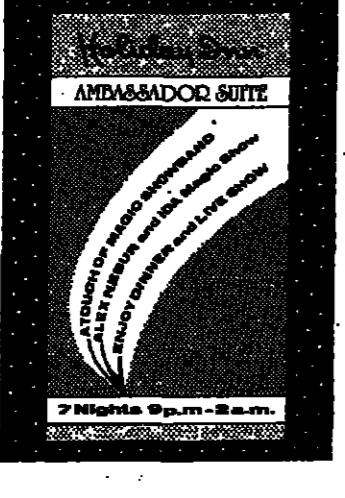
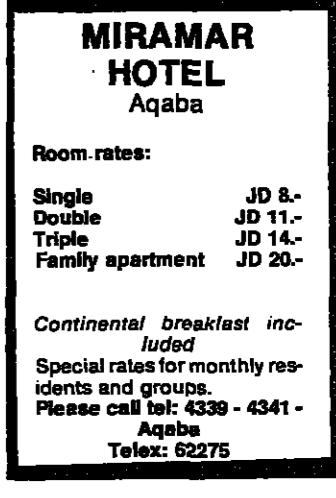
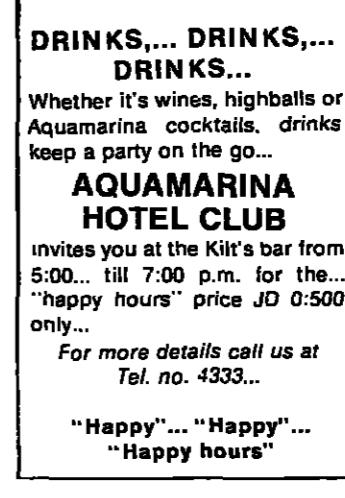
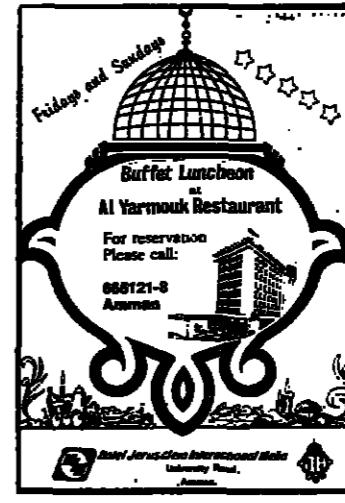
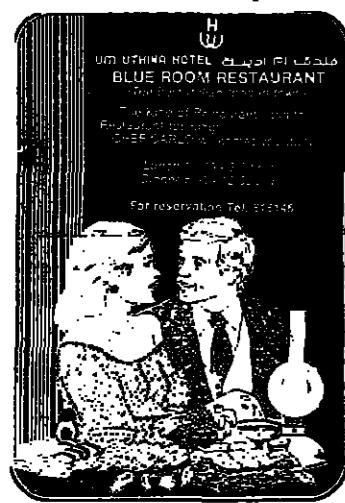
The bathrooms are: One white for the tiles and pink for the rest, and the other white and green. As to the "big salons", it is not worth using the plural for those teeny weeny rooms, one of which does not have any windows at all.

This is not what I call "super deluxe", and since then I am careful about pompous titles.



An aerial view of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) headquarters in Langley, Virginia (file photo)

JORDAN MARKETPLACE



SPORTS

Cubans triumph, Americans defeated in boxing cup final

ROME (R) — Cubans stormed to victory in the finals of the Amateur Boxing World Cup here Saturday night while U.S. fighters went down to humiliating defeats.

The Cubans, confirming their world supremacy in amateur boxing, seized four gold medals while Soviet and Italian boxers carried off the top prize in three categories each.

But all three American finalists were defeated in lackluster performances and had to be satisfied with silver medals. Both U.S. and Cuban boxers were fighting as part of a North American team.

Cuba's light-heavyweight Candelario Duvergel gave the most devastating performance when he overwhelmed Hungary's Imre Baeske, forcing the referee to halt the bout in the third round.

Duvergel danced round the ring from the opening bell, picking off his smaller opponent with sharp straight punches to the head.

Bacska, adopting an unorthodox slouching stance in an effort to get under the Cuban's guard, seemed bemused by Duvergel's speed and agility and failed to land any effective punches.

Duvergel caught his opponent with a succession of jabs before pole-axing him with a right hook. The referee halted the bout after giving the floored Hungarian a mandatory count of eight.

Cubans Pedro Reyes, Jesus Soler and Ramon Goire claimed gold in the flyweight, featherweight and lightweight divisions respectively.

Welterweight Ron Esset was the first American to falter, losing on points against the less powerful but more aggressive Italian Luciano Bruno.

Esset, although much the stronger puncher, never found space to connect effectively with his awesome right hook and few were surprised when the judges scored the bout 4-1 in the Italian's favor.

The biggest upset came when U.S. light-heavyweight Rick Womack lost on points to Vitaly Kochanovsky of the Soviet Union after putting up a poor performance.

Womack, regarded as the strongest member of the American

team, never seemed to get into the fight, although in the final round he tried repeatedly to charge his lanky opponent.

The 20-year-old from Detroit, who beat the Russian at a meeting in Las Vegas last year, said later he had always found Kochanovsky an awkward fighter.

Italy's super-heavyweight Francesco Damiani completed the U.S. rout, outpointing Craig Payne in a fierce but scrappy contest.

Damiani, who last year became the first man to beat Cuba's legendary heavyweight Teofilo Stevenson, outpunched his opponent in a brawling encounter which reached a climax in the last round.

The burly Italian turned the fight to his advantage in the closing seconds when he demolished Payne's guard and, forcing him against the ropes, rained blows on him until the closing bell.

Madera retains WBA title

SAPPORO, Japan (R) — World Boxing Association (WBA) junior flyweight champion Lupe Madera of Mexico narrowly outpointed Japan's Katsuo Tokashiki in his first defense of the title here Sunday night.

Both boxers traded hard blows from the start, but there were no knockdowns in the 15-round bout fought before a crowd of some 7,000.

American referee Larry Hazard scored the fight in favour of Madera 144-142. Judges Ove

Olsen of Denmark and Antonio Requena of Venezuela also had Madera ahead by two points, 145-143 and 147-145 respectively.

The 30-year-old Mexican, who wrested the title from Tokashiki in Tokyo on July, pressed the fight from the first round, throwing left and right hooks to the face.

Tokashiki, 23, retaliated with good left jabs and right straight punches throughout the fight, their fourth title encounter since April 1982.

Marshall wrecks havoc again, puts Windies within sights of easy victory

KANPUR, India (R) — Malcolm Marshall continued to torment India's batsmen and put the West Indies within sight of an easy victory on the third day of the first cricket test here on Sunday.

India will certainly be looking forward to Monday's rest day having endured another fraught day in the face of the non-stop West Indian fast bowling assault.

They were forced to follow on shortly before tea after being bowled out for 207 — a first innings deficit of 247 — and were reeling again as they slumped to 75 for five, still 174 runs adrift.

Marshall, who took four for 19 in the first innings, snapped up the first three wickets for only two runs in the space of 28 balls as the one-day World Cup Champions batted again.

India's plight would have been even more hopeless but for a brave first innings ninth-wicket partnership of 117 between Roger Binny and Madan Lal, who made an unbeaten 63. Binny and Madan Lal defiantly lifted India from a perilous 90 for eight but still failed to avoid the follow on.

But the respite was brief. Marshall, who contributed 92 runs to the West Indies first innings total of 454, removed Indian openers Sunil Gavaskar and Anshuman Gaekwad with just 13 runs on the board after skipper Clive Lloyd sent the home side in again.

Gavaskar, compelled to play a reflex action shot to a nasty short delivery from Marshall, was caught off the glove at backward short-leg by Winston Davis, and,

in the next over, Gaekwad offered a catch to Viv Richards in the slips from another rising delivery.

After Marshall removed Roger Binny, promoted to number three in the batting order after his first innings heroics, Davis sent India into even deeper despair by dismissing Sandeep Patil and the out-of-form Mohinder Amarnath for three and nought respectively with successive balls to reduce the

Indians to 43 for five.

At close of play Dilip Vengsarkar and Ravi Shastri were unbeaten on 41 and seven but both had enjoyed fortuitous escapes.

Vengsarkar was dropped by Jeff Dujon off the bowling of Michael Holding before he had scored while Shastri survived a confident lbw appeal in the last over of the day.

Eleven weightlifters suspended for 2 years

MOSCOW (R) — Eleven weightlifters disqualified from the Panamerican Games for using drugs have been banned from international competition for two years, including the 1984 Olympic Games, western sports officials here said on Sunday.

The officials, attending the Moscow World Weightlifting Championships, said the executive board of the International Weightlifting Federation had decided on the ban at a meeting in Moscow last week.

Among those affected is Jeff Michel of the United States, who had three gold medals confiscated at the Panamerican Games in Caracas in August after tests indicated abnormal levels of the growth hormone testosterone.

Another is Cuba's Daniel Nunez, who had set a world record in the snatch and was stripped of three gold medals after being accused of taking steroids.

The sports officials said the suspension was effective from August 14 and would bar the lifters from

competing in the 1984 Olympic Games.

Sixteen athletes, including the lifters, were disqualified from the Panamerican Games and stripped of their medals and records when tests showed banned substances in their systems.

The other nine weightlifters hit by suspension are Alberto Blanco Fernandez of Cuba, Michael Vian and Guy Greavette of Canada, Jose Adamez Paez of Venezuela, Enrique Montiel of Nicaragua, Jaques Olider of Chile, Jose Losada of the U.S., Caballero Dolce of Colombia and Guillermo Lopez of Argentina.

The officials said the drug problem was discussed for several hours by the executive board at its meeting on Friday.

The board had decided to hand down a relatively harsh penalty in order to show its determination to stamp out the use of proscribed drugs by weightlifters and felt that other athletics bodies should take the same attitude.

Lloyd exposes Durie's weaknesses

BRIGHTON, England (R) — Chris Lloyd of the United States effortlessly demolished British number one Jo Durie 6-1, 6-1 in the final of the Brighton Women's International Tennis Tournament on Sunday.

The top-seeded American took just 62 minutes to exploit the weaknesses of Durie's game and win the tournament for the second time and a first prize of £18,600 (\$27,900).

After the drubbing, fourth-seeded Durie conceded: "She certainly exposed my slowness around the net. She was hitting the ball so well and I simply wasn't quick enough. I played so many stupid shots at odd times."

"All week I have played a serve and volley game, but you need more than that against her. Chris is such a good player. People say she is just a baseliner but she is much more than that."

Lloyd, ranked second in the world, was in control from the start, and the only glimmer of hope for Durie was when she broke serve in the first game of the second set.

But the revival was short-lived. Durie could make no impression and as she continually missed her first volleys, her game fell apart.

Amman Little League Game Scores Oct. 21

Tots	Red 1	Blue 1					
Juniors							
Abaha 0		International Traders 3					
Ericsson 3	Telcom 2	Intercon 0					
American Express 6	Foxboro 0	Royal Falcons 1					
Mids							
AIK 6	Grindlays 0	Jordan Express 0					
Arab Wings 2	Volvo 0	Al Ahliyah 1					
ALICO 0		Astra 2					
AI Ahliyah 1							
Seniors							
Cairo Amman 3	Marriott 8	Holiday Inn 0					
Chase Manhattan 1							
	Team standings						
Juniors	P	W	L	D	E	A	Pts.
1. Int'l Traders	6	5	0	1	17	0	11
2. Ericsson	6	4	0	2	9	2	10
3. American Express	6	2	2	2	11	6	6
4. Telcom	6	2	2	2	11	8	6
5. Abaha	6	1	1	4	3	4	6
6. Royal Falcons	6	2	2	2	2	4	6
7. Foxboro	6	1	4	1	3	3	3
8. Intercon	6	0	6	0	1	24	0
Mids							
1. AIK	6	4	0	2	14	5	10
2. ALICO	6	3	1	2	13	3	8
3. Volvo	6	3	1	2	10	7	7
4. Arab Wings	6	2	2	2	11	6	6
5. Jordan Express	6	2	3	1	11	9	5
6. Royal Falcons	6	2	3	1	5	11	5
7. Grindlays	6	2	4	0	4	14	4
8. Al Ahliyah	6	1	5	0	6	2	2
Seniors							
1. Marriott	6	6	0	0	20	5	12
2. Holiday Inn	6	3	3	0	10	5	6
3. Cairo Amman	6	2	4	0	10	16	4
4. Chase	6	1	5	0	1	15	2

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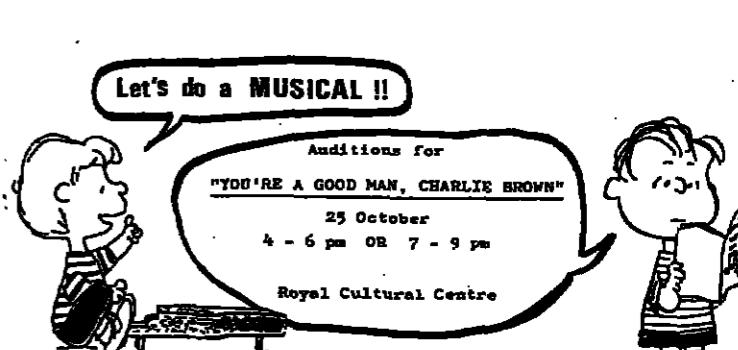
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